

# FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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## IF YOU WERE EDITOR - - -

If you were editor of the Foggy Bottom News, what would you do with it?

While we are planning our next issue, which we hope to publish in May, perhaps you will take time to answer our question.

Apropos of our query, a friend of ours, a magazine editor, was once asked to address a group of sociologists meeting on the campus of Columbia University and tell the group about the function of his publication. In the question period, one of the sociologists put the question succinctly. "Now Mr. Editor," persisted the professor "please tell us exactly, what is the purpose of your magazine?" Backed into a corner like that my friend answered honestly, "Well, Professor, the purpose of our magazine is to make as much money as possible for our stockholders."

That, you may be certain, is not exactly the purpose of the Foggy Bottom News, though we are glad to make as much money as we can for our sponsor, Foggy Bottom Restoration Association.

But push us into a corner, and I guess we would have to admit that our purpose in publishing the paper is to have a lot of fun. We do have fun editing this paper, and it bothers us a little that we do.

Yes - yes- we try to cover the goings-on, too; and we endeavor to be accurate and interesting, and to please everybody; and we do our best to avoid libel suits, and so far have succeeded; and to help everybody to get acquainted. Nevertheless our primary purpose is pleasure --- and we don't think that is enough. Do you?

All right, sit down and write us a little letter. Tell us what you would do with the paper if you had it. We reserve the right to publish your letter -- and not to publish it, too. Parts of your letter -- a symposium - might make a swell feature for our May issue. If you do not want your letter published, please say so.

As our paper is circulated free, we do not hear from indignant subscribers demanding that we cancel their subscriptions. That's one way an editor of a paper that has paid subscribers learns what readers think of him. We receive no cancellations. People who like the paper often say they do, but we never hear from people who don't like it. They're too polite. Actually, we have no way of knowing what readers like about us, what they don't like, and

what they think they would like if we turned the paper over to them.

This leads us to another point that we may we will mention while we're on the subject. It is this: We are willing and anxious to share the fun we have.

When we started the paper, we thought that soon we would have all sorts of contributors up and down our streets and in our courts and apartment houses, shouting to be heard. What happened?

Everybody stood back, waiting to be invited. Since we didn't know whom to invite, it went slowly. Some sturdy souls proved dependable, but not enough. People apparently just didn't want to deprive us of all the fun -- or nearly all.

All these blank pages to fill every month! Our dog pined away for want of attention. Our dear ones abroad wondered why we never wrote them any more. Office work piled up. The Foggy Bottom News almost had become our Frankenstein, a monster of our creation poised to destroy us.

Under our new plan, to publish "from time to time" instead of regularly every month, perhaps we can make this truly a community paper. Then we can all have the kind of paper we all want, and all share the fun alike.

Will you write for the paper? If you are an experienced writer, all the better, but that isn't necessary. After all, we are not a professional journal. Anybody who can write a good letter home can write for the Foggy Bottom News.

Please call us or write us and tell us you will!

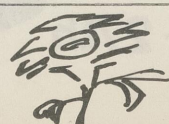
And don't forget to tell us what you think of us. Space is reserved on pages 2 and 3.

- - The Editor

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CHECK LIST OF LIKES AND DISLIKES

Here's a more-or-less objective questionnaire for you to indicate what you like or don't like about the Foggy Bottom News.

		CHECK ONE		
		Like	Don't Like	Neutral
1.	Informal style of writing - - - - -	:	:	:
2.	Personal items (block & court columns) - - - -	:	:	:
3.	Profiles (feature articles about people) - - - - -	:	:	:
4.	Historical features - - - - -	:	:	:
5.	Articles about Foggy Bottom landmarks - - - -	:	:	:
6.	Roundup stories about newcomers - - - - -	:	:	:
7.	Articles about new structures - - - - -	:	:	:
8.	Shirley Kennard's illustrations - - - - -	:	:	:
9.	Jack Hicky's poetry - - - - -	:	:	:
10.	"Foggy Bottom Cuisine" - - - - -	:	:	:
11.	Foggy Bottom Restoration Association news - - -	:	:	:
12.	"Side streets" ("Cats Can Read," "Honeymoon T," The Great Alamac Fire, "Doggy Bottom") - - -	:	:	:
13.	Stories about our churches - - - - -	:	:	:
14.	Stories about our schools - - - - -	:	:	:
15.	"Letter from G W" - - - - -	:	:	:
16.	(You name it)	:	:	:
17.	(You name it)	:	:	:
18.	(You name it)	:	:	:

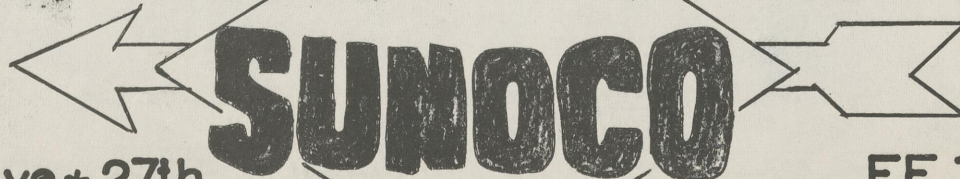
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(This page is left blank for you to use in writing us about what you would like your paper to be.  
Please use it also to tell us about specific matters you would like to see covered in our  
May issue. Better still, Write the story yourself.)

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